

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 7-9 and 24-28.

Please rewrite the current versions of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following is a clean version of the rewritten claims. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims is attached on a separate sheet.

1. (Once Amended) A wet-responsive fiber having a monofilament formed from a resin composition comprising a resin having an anionic group which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid salt, carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl starch, alginic acid, xanthan gum and polymethacrylic acid salt and a resin having a cationic group which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of cationized cellulose, cationized starch, cationized cyamoposis gum, cationized dextrin and poly(dimethylmethylenepiperidinium chloride).

2. (Once Amended) The wet-responsive fiber as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resin having the anionic group which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid salt, carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl starch, alginic acid, xanthan gum and polymethacrylic acid salt is contained in an amount of 1 to 80 % by weight and said resin having the cationic group which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of cationized cellulose, cationized starch, cationized cyamoposis gum, cationized dextrin and poly(dimethylmethylenepiperidinium chloride) is contained in an amount of 1 to 80 % by weight.

5. (Once Amended) A wet-responsive fiber having a monofilament formed from a resin composition comprising a nonionic resin which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of viscose rayon, polynosic rayon, cupra and saponified acetate as a base, a resin having an anionic group which is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of